

## **Remarks**

### **I. Claim Amendments And Support Therefor**

Claims 1, 4 – 11, 15 – 30 and 56 are currently pending in this application.

Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found in originally filed claims 2 and 3 and at page 13, lines 17 – 21 (dry powder) and 27 – 28 (sterile). Support for the amendments to claim 11 may be found in originally filed claims 12 – 14. Support for new claim 56 may be found in original claim 16. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

### **II. Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner seeks to restrict this application, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to one of three groups of claims: Group I: claims 1 – 21, drawn to a microsphere comprising crosslinked polyvinyl alcohol (PVA); Group II: claims 22 – 31, drawn to a method for prophylactic or therapeutic embolization; and Group III: claims 32 – 55, drawn to a process for producing a crosslinked PVA microsphere. Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1 – 21.

Applicants reserve the right to petition from the restriction requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144. Applicants further reserve their right to file one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications directed to the subject matter recited by the non-elected claims, as well as to any other material disclosed in the specification that is not encompassed by the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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